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1. The mining of antimony has been reactivated in the "Halbmond" mine in the Oberböhmsdorfer Flur near Schleiz. The present production rate is 2-2½ tons of metallic antimony per month, but it is anticipated that the output rate can be increased to six tons per month. The deposits near Schleiz consist of crystalline ore in veins of 0.25 - 2 meters thickness stretching for up to sixty meters.
2. Manganese ore mined near Geraberg in the vicinity of Ilmenau is of high value, owing to the absence of foreign components, and is ready for furnace treatment immediately following mechanical preparation. In March 1946, the quantity lifted from these mines was thirty tons but should now have increased following the doubling of the miners employed.
3. In contrast to the Geraberg output, the manganese ore mined near Luisental (near Ohrdruf) contains 4 percent lead and one percent copper in addition to a manganese content of 15 percent, so that a chemical process is necessary in addition to the mechanical one in order to separate the lead and copper elements. The total ore deposit at Luisental is estimated to equal approximately 350,000 tons.

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